

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE RESERVATIONS

Please Call 410-887-1815



September



FALL FAMILY CAMP OUT

Enjoy a night under the stars. Bring a tent and sleeping bag. We'll provide the s'mores and a night hike is included. Be on time to set up your tent. (Please eat dinner beforehand.) Ages 5+
9/1 6PM - 9/2 9AM \$8 per tent(\$5 Members)

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING

(See back page for info)
People who enjoy sharing nature with children & hiking are needed as volunteers for visiting school groups.
9/4 - 9/7 10-1:00PM Each Day

BASIC STROKES FOR BASIC FOLKS

Learn the basic paddling strokes and earn an ACA Basic Paddling Skills card from a certified instructor. Participants must be at least 10 years old.
9/8 & 9/9 10-12:00PM \$15 (\$10 Members)

DYEING FOR FALL

The first day of fall is officially on 9/22, the autumn equinox, and fabulous fall colors are beginning to emerge. Harvest natural colors and make a tie-dye shirt. Ages 5+
9/15 & 9/16 2-4:00PM \$5 (\$3 Members)

MIGRATING MONARCHS

Birds aren't the only ones migrating. Monarch butterflies do it too. Find out where they go and how to tag them.
9/22 & 9/23 2-4:00PM FREE!

FULL HUNTER'S MOON NIGHT HIKE

White-tailed Deer are very active right now. Come learn about their life cycle, track them in the woods and eat a s'more with us. Ages 8+
9/28 7-8:30PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

BIRDING THE RIDGE

Join naturalist and avid birder Katharine Patterson on a hike to search for our feathered friends.
9/30 8:30-10:00AM FREE!

WOOLLY BEAR PRESCHOOL AGES 3+

Students and parents meet the first Wednesday of each month to explore seasonal topics, make crafts and have a snack. *Nature play = Happy day!*
9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9 10-11:30 AM \$20 (\$15 Members)

HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAY AGES 5+

Students and their parents meet the 2nd Friday of the month for educational nature lessons. Learning is fun at our favorite place, School House Earth.
9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11 \$20 (\$15 Members)
Your choice of session 10-12:00PM or 1:30-3:30PM

October



FAREWELL FALL FLOWERS

The last flowers of the season have bloomed. Come hike to find them and hear their stories. Ages 5+
10/13 & 10/14 2-4:00PM FREE!

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Wilderness First Aid is a 2-day, 18 hour class designed for trip leaders, camp counselors and outdoor enthusiasts. Please visit <http://www.wfa.net> for pricing, more information and registration.
10/20 & 10/21 8-6:30PM

MAKE YOUR OWN SCARE BABY

Make your own pint-sized baby scarecrow or make a whole scare family to decorate your house. Bring some old clothes. Great fall family activity! \$6 / scare person. Limited spots; Register early. Ages 5+
10/20 & 10/21 2-4:00PM \$6 (\$4 Members)

GHOSTS OF MINER'S PAST

Oregon Ridge was once an active mining town. On this spooky hike you will encounter unsettled souls who still roam the Ridge 150 years later. Ages 8+.
10/26 7:30-9:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

HARRY POTTER HALLOWEEN

You're accepted to Wizarding School! Make Harry Potter themed crafts and learn about the wizarding world. Ages 5+.
10/27 & 10/28 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)



JUNIOR EXPLORERS CLUB AGES 6-10

Meets first and third Thursdays of the month. Children will explore different habitats, have animal encounters and go on adventures around the park with a naturalist.
9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15 4:30-5:30PM \$20 (\$15 Mem)

HABITAT TEAM

AGES 12+
A naturalist will identify invasive plants so you can help eradicate them! Bring water, gloves and your favorite pruners. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
9/15, 10/20, 11/17 (No December Meeting) 9:00-11:00AM Free

November



WITCHES IN THE WOODS

Where are the witches? Learn natural history and folklore of witch hazel and the make your own mini-broom!
11/3 & 11/4 2-4:00PM \$8 (\$5 Members)

THE DULCIMER GATHERING WORKSHOP

Judy Larabee of the Mill Run Band will instruct dulcimer players during this half day workshop and concert. Judy has been playing dulcimer for 25 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to the workshop. Musicians of all skill level are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Please pack a lunch. Ages 12+
11/10 9-2:00PM \$30/Person

FAIRIES IN THE FROST

Frost is coming and fairies need a winter home. Come build them a shelter while becoming your own winter fairy!
11/10 & 11/11 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

CORN DOLLIES AND CANDLES

Decorate your holiday table with these natural crafts.
11/17 & 11/18 2-4:00PM \$4 (\$3 Members)

FALL BIRDING AT THE RIDGE

Join naturalist & avid birder Katharine Patterson on a hike to search for our feathered friends. Beginners welcome!
11/18 8:30-10:00AM FREE!

SLUGS ARE SLEEPING

Many animals sleep the winter away. Come learn who is snoozing and make a slimy craft to keep.
11/24 & 11/25 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

PUMPKIN PARTY NIGHT HIKE

Learn all about the origins of pumpkin carving and why the pumpkin was an important food for early settlers. Then decorate your own to keep.
11/30 6-8:00PM \$6 (\$4 Members)

AUTUMN KINDER GARDEN CLUB AGES 2-5

Meets Tuesdays. Young sprouts can play in the garden while growing their 'il hearts and minds. Various nature activities each session, like crafts, dancing, music and garden delights.
9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, & 10/16 9:30-11:00AM \$16(\$12 Mem)

AUTUMN BUMBLEBEE GARDEN CLUB AGES 5+

Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Students grow their own vegetables and flowers, make garden themed crafts and participate in fun activities.
9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27 & 11/3 10-11:30AM \$16 (\$12 Members)

December

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

Welcome the holidays with a fresh evergreen wreath. All payments are due in advance. Cost includes all the materials required to make a wreath or table arrangement. Bring clippers and gloves.
12/1 & 12/2 2-4:00PM \$10 (\$8 Members)

NATURAL ORNAMENTS

Decorate for the holidays the natural way. Make some for yourself and a few special treats for the birds. We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity. Ages 5yrs+
12/8 & 12/9 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

STARLINGS & STORIES

Starlings are on the move! Fly on over to hear bird themed stories and make a feathery craft.
12/15 & 12/16 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

GINGERBREAD HOUSES FOR YOU & THE BIRDS

Bring the family to create a gingerbread masterpiece. Decorate one for your house and create another with seeds and fruits for the birds. Ages 8+
12/22 & 12/23 2-4:00PM \$5 (\$4 Members)

TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Who were Casseopeia and Orion? Come learn about these diamonds in the sky around our campfire. Ages 6+
12/28 6-7:30PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

Upcoming Festivals

SAVE THE DATE!
Reservations are not needed for our festivals!

31st ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL
September 29 & 30, 2012 11-4:00PM

COUNCIL HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY
December 14, 2012 7:30-9:00PM

MAPLE SUGARING WEEKENDS
February 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2013 10-4:00PM

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FESTIVAL
March 2 & 3, 2013 8-12:00PM

PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND
May 4 & 5, 2013 10-4:00PM

MUSIC IN THE WOODS
May 18, 2013 10-4:00PM

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FALL 2012 CALENDAR



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31st ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

NEW DATE! Saturday, September 29th, & Sunday, September 30th 11 AM- 4 PM.

The festival will feature beehive demonstrations, honey extraction, candle dipping, and mead making (honey wine).
The 2012 American Honey Queen Alyssa Fine of Mononaghela, Pennsylvania will host the event.

- Civil War reenactments
- Tours of the Peter Goff Archaeology Museum
- Wool spinning demonstrations
- Blacksmithing demonstrations
- Children's petting zoo
- Puppet shows
- Face painting
- Live traditional music
- Apple cider pressing
- Refreshments & hotdogs served with honey mustard
- Children's crafts
- Gift shop items for sale

FALL ORNC SPEAKER SERIES

The Council's Speaker Series is free and open to the public. Please visit our website for more details on our upcoming speakers. Reservations are never required for our speaker series.

Highway 41 Revisited: Camping with Nature on Florida's Tamiami Trail

Monday, September 17, 7:30 PM
Presented By: Cliff Beittel

Seasons of a Native Garden

Monday, October 15, 7:30 PM
Presented By: Alice & Tom Simmons

Veracruz, Mexico and the River of Raptors

Monday, November 19, 7:30 PM
Presented By: Hugh Simmons

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER JAM SESSIONS

Join Griff Atkinson & friends of Oregon Ridge on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Experienced and new musicians welcome! NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for this monthly get together.
9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20 and 1/17 7-9:00PM

COUNCIL HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY

Bring your family, friends and a plate of goodies to share. You can help decorate the Nature Center while singing carols and spreading good cheer. You can also make old fashioned ornaments and treats for the birds. Mark your calendars!

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

FRIDAY 12/14 7:30-9:00PM

FALL COURSES: Call (410) 887-1815 for Reservations

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING - Instructors: Andi Musser and Winny Tan. Those who enjoy nature, working with children and hiking are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for children visiting during the school year. Training takes place twice a year: (Fall 2012) September 4, 5, 6, and 7; and (Spring 2013) February 5, 6, 7, and 8. Training is from 10 AM to 1 PM each day; \$25/person can be paid in advance or on the first day (totally refundable if one becomes an active trail guide). Trail Guide Training is an ongoing process throughout the year. If you cannot attend some of the above dates, please call for more information about alternative training methods.

BOW MAKING COURSE- Guest Instructor Kirk Dreier. Wherever people lived on this earth, they had to overcome the same problems -- how to find water, shelter, fire and, of course, food. The mighty wooden spring of the bow was used until firearms made it obsolete. This five-week course will teach the fundamentals of bow construction. Dates: Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17 24 and 31, from 6 to 9 PM. (Snow Date: February 1) Tools needed: Stanley surform #21-296 or # #21-295, a pencil, and a Stanley wood scraper. Optional tools: a draw knife, a spoke shave, and rasps. \$40/person (\$30 members) covers all other materials and is due in advance. This course is for persons 18 or over; class size limited to 10.

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

ALL programs (unless noted) require reservations. Please call 410-887-1815

Payment must be made within 5 business days of your reservation, or the reservation will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless ORNC cancels the program. To make reservations, please call the Nature Center (410) 887-1815 TDD (410) 877-5319 or visit the center Tuesday- Sunday 9:00AM-5:00PM. All programs & events are rain or shine. Staff will call registered participants ONLY in the event of cancellation.

Please make checks payable to: Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council (ORNCC). Mailing Address: 13555 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030. These programs are designed for individuals & families. They are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents should discuss attendance expectations with their children. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave.

If you would like to arrange a program for a group or an organization, please contact the Nature Center Monday thru Friday 9-3:00PM. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Nature Center, or the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370.

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